



MINUTES

MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING ■ 4 SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD ■ COUNCIL CHAMBER

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016 ■ SPECIAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Goodwin, C. Ausburger, G. Lewis, K. Rawn, B. Ryan, V. Ward
MEMBERS ABSENT: B. Chandy, R. Hall, S. Westa
ALTERNATES PRESENT: P. Aho, T. Berthelot (arrived at 6:39 pm)
ALTERNATES ABSENT: K. Fratoni
STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Kaufman, Inland Wetlands Agent

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and appointed Aho and Berthelot to act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. JUNE 20, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING

Rawn MOVED, Ward seconded, to approve the 06-20-2016 minutes as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Ward noted for the record that she listened to the recording.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Conservation Commission draft minutes and the Wetlands Agent Report were both noted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. W1569 – T. AINSWORTH, WOODLAND ROAD (PARCEL ID 18.67.3), SINGLE FAMILY HOME

Chairman Goodwin opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Members present were Goodwin, Ausburger, Lewis, Rawn, Ryan, Ward, and alternates Aho and Berthelot (6:39 pm) who were both appointed to act. Jennifer Kaufman, Inland Wetlands Agent, read the legal notice as it appeared in The Chronicle on 7/5/16 and 7/13/16, and noted the following communications received and distributed to members: in addition to the application and map, a 7/12/16 memo from Derek Dilaj, Assistant Town Engineer; 6/2/16, 6/16/16 and 7/12/16 memos from J. Kaufman, Wetlands Agent, and a planting plan submitted by the applicant.

David Smith, PE, KWP Associates, presented the application and identified the location of the flagged wetlands and the proposed house, well and septic on the map. He said that, based on comments received, they have moved the house and septic closer to the road and farther from the wetlands and changed the design of the septic system to two longer septic trenches as opposed to three shorter ones.

John Ianni, Highlands Soils, stated that this is a wooded wetland and very stoney site. He reported there is no standing/open water on this site; there is an unnamed brook off the site; the wetlands have no obvious function or value to habitat on this site and the timing of his inspection was appropriate.

Alan Barstow, 139 Woodland Road, expressed concern that more effluent will be pumped into the unnamed stream, which he stated once contained wildlife. He stated that although he has spoken with other experts who concurred that the plans proposed met all requirements, he urged the Commission to not allow any development that might contribute more effluent to seep into the stream.

Ward requested that the applicant's team respond to the concerns of Mr. Barstow and questioned the applicant and Mr. Barstow as to whether or not the water quality of the stream has ever been tested. Both the applicant and Mr. Barstow indicated that neither has had any tests conducted.

Noting no further questions or comments from the Public or Agency, Rawn MOVED, Ryan seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. W1564 – STORRS LODGES, 218 UNITS, HUNTING LODGE ROAD (PARCEL ID 15.21.3)

Jennifer Kaufman, Wetlands Agent noted a 7/18/16 email from the applicant's attorney withdrawing the application. Ward MOVED, Rawn seconded, to accept the applicant's request to withdraw their application. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. W1564 – STORRS LODGES, 218 UNITS, HUNTING LODGE ROAD (PARCEL ID 15.21.3)

Application withdrawn.

B. W1569 – T. AINSWORTH, WOODLAND ROAD (PARCEL ID 18.67.3), SINGLE FAMILY HOME

After discussion among members, Rawn MOVED, Aho seconded, to grant an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to T. Ainsworth (File W1569) for Construction of a single family home on property owned by Alan Ainsworth and located on Woodland Rd (Parcel ID 18.67.3) as shown on plans dated 4/28/2016, revised through 7/13/2016, as heard at a Public Hearing on 7/18/16 and as described in application submissions.

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls, as noted on the plans, shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. To filter runoff and prevent erosion, ground cover shall be planted as indicated on the plan in areas with a 3 to 1 and 2 to 1 slope and establishment of such plantings shall be a condition of the certificate of zoning permit compliance.

This approval is valid for five years (until July 18, 2021) unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Ward who abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. W1482-APPLICATION RENEWAL REQUEST: UNITED SERVICES, NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD

Ryan MOVED, Ward seconded, to renew an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to United Services (File W1482) for construction of an office building and associated parking on property owned by the applicants and located on North Frontage Road (Parcel ID 38.101.2-1) as shown on plans dated 6/27/2011, revised through 9/21/2011 and as described in application submissions.

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls (as shown on the plans) shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.

This approval is valid for five years (until July 18, 2021) unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work

begins and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. W1558-MODIFICATION REQUEST: MEHRENS, 214 WORMWOOD HILL ROAD

Ryan MOVED, Rawn seconded to approve the modification request. After discussion, MOTION FAILED UNANIMOUSLY. Goodwin MOVED, Rawn seconded to receive the application submitted by Kim Mehrens (IWA File 1574) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a 24' x 32' 2-car garage on a concrete slab, on property located at 214 Wormwood Hill Road as shown on a map dated 6/20/2016, and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and the Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. W1570 – FUNK AND LITTLE, 30 CENTRE STREET, GEOTHERMAL WELLS AND SITE WORK

Goodwin stated that when this application is heard and voted on, she will recuse herself because this is a neighbor, but no disqualification was necessary for this administrative action. Rawn MOVED, Ryan seconded, to receive the application submitted by Funk and Little (IWA File 1570) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for replacement of a well line and installation of 3 geothermal wells on property located at 30 Centre Street as shown on a map dated 6/30/2015, revised through 6/7/2016 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and the Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. W1571 – C. LOUKAS, 46 JONATHAN LANE, INGROUND POOL

Ryan MOVED, Ward seconded, to receive the application submitted by Christopher Loukas (IWA File 1571) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the installation of an in-ground pool on property located at 46 Jonathan Lane as shown on a map dated 6/22/2016 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and the Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. W1572 – R. BOBB, 840 WORMWOOD HILL ROAD, AQUATICS MANAGEMENT

Ward MOVED, Ryan seconded, to receive the application submitted by R. Bobb (IWA File 1572) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for mechanical removal of the non-native aquatic invasive plant, water chestnut on property located at 840 Wormwood Hill Rd as shown on a map dated 7/7/2016 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and the Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. J-6- TOWN OF MANSFIELD, OPPOSITE OF 247 HANKS HILL ROAD AND 37 HICKORY LANE

Lewis MOVED, Ausburger seconded, to approve a Jurisdictional Ruling finding that the installation of two dry hydrants (IWA File # J-6) by the Town of Mansfield, Division of Fire and Emergency Services, on property located at 37 Hickory Lane and 247 Hanks Hill Rd, as shown on a map dated 6/28/2016 and as described in the associated attachments is permitted as a non-regulated activity pursuant to Section 4.0 of the Inland Watercourses and Wetlands Regulations of the Town of Mansfield. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. W1563- TOWN OF MANSFIELD, BICENTENNIAL POND, REQUEST FOR A MODIFICATION

Item was tabled pending further information from DEEP and more information regarding the product being proposed.

H. W1573 – G. SOTZING, 144 HILLYNDALE ROAD, ABOVE GROUND HOT TUB

Aho MOVED, Ryan seconded, to receive the application submitted by Gregory Sotzing (IWA File 1573) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the installation of a hot tub on an 11' x 11' wooden deck platform on property located at 144 Hillyndale Road as shown on a map dated 7/14/16 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and the Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

A 2pm Field Trip was set for 7/20/16.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:

Noted.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera S. Ward, Secretary